

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re application of:** Hodge et al.

**Application No.** 10/590,844

**Filed:** August 24, 2006

**Confirmation No.** 8385

**For:** SCREENING FOR AGENTS THAT  
DECREASE PATHOGENICITY BY  
DECREASING RAB11A ACTIVITY

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**Examiner:** Sheridan Swope

**Art Unit:** 1652

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This responds to the Office action dated December 10, 2008, for which a three-month period of reply was set, making a response due by March 10, 2009. Applicants hereby petition that the period for reply be extended through **April 10, 2009**. The one-month extension fee is being paid electronically from Deposit Account 02-4550. If any additional fees are required in connection with this filing, please charge the required fees or credit any overpayment to the same Deposit Account.

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 and end with a brief conclusion on page 11.

**A Statement in Compliance** is submitted herewith.

A replacement **Sequence Listing** (txt and pdf format) is submitted herewith.